

The Shofar



Temple Beth El Israel

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March 2023

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Upcoming events:

Shabbat Across America

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Sisterhood/NCJW program with Talia Carner

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Neil Zirconia - Sisterhood Show

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Women's Seder

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Temple Passover Seder

See the flyers in this issue for more information about what's happening at TBEI.

Please note all events are subject to cancellation due to circumstances beyond our control

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From the Desk of Rabbi Bruce Benson

The month of March begins an interesting season for us this year. Early on, we will celebrate the festival of Purim. We will read Megillat Esther. And share the dreams of a people taking responsibility for their own protection. Using guile and clever planning, Mordechai "sees" the future and institutes a plan to protect his people from the outcome he sees.

According to the story, it works quite well to the benefit of the Jewish people. By the end of the story, we become so intoxicated by our own sense of success, that we begin to "believe our own press". And by the last two chapters, we set out to kill all of our foes and anyone related to, or agreeing with the evil Haman.. (boooooo-hiss).

As we learned, shouting down the names of our opponents did not protect us in the long run. Haman, Amalek, and so many, up to the most notorious, Hitler, cursing their names doesn't protect us. We must educate all the nations of the earth and share with them, that, while they see the Jews as "others" all people are "others" to someone. Hate knows no boundaries and, at some point, spreads its evil talons so that it loses control.

I write this while I grieve for a 24 year old man, a former Bar Mitzvah student of mine, starting his life as a television reporter, shot and killed in a senseless act of hate and yet for whom, and why, we don't know yet. The shooter was unaware that Dylan was even a reporter as he had no microphone at the time and was reporting on an earlier killing at the hands of the same person. This killer, for reasons not yet understood, also killed a woman in her 20's and, after killing Dylan for virtually no reason, went into a nearby house and killed a 9 year old girl. Hate gone crazy in a country that seems to shrug and not care. Antisemitism is at its highest peak in several decades. Randomly, they killed another Jew. Let's see if the world responds. Let's see if we do either.

Trying to make sense out of such an inexplicable crime, my head spins. Tuesday, I spent time on Zoom with Dylan, his fiancé (beginning conversion studies with me) and his mother. 24 hours later Dylan Lyons was dead. I cannot explain the pain I felt and encountered as I listened to parents, a fiancé, an older sister, and my personal pain realizing I would not be officiating at a wedding, laughing at stories of knowing this young man almost 15 years. Hate of others, whether it be over color, nationality, faith community, country of origin, is a toxic reality. We, as Jews need to stamp out.

To honor the name of a young man, whose life is over due to misguided hate, or even hate gone awry, bullets flying hoping to hit some target, any target, let us put aside the darkness in our hearts. Let us BOO the mythical HAMAN and, as people of our God, let us never again become so mean spirited, our "otherness" hurts the innocent, or those just trying.

Let us move forward and wash away the need to blame another. A vibrant young man, with an extraordinary twinkle in his eye, and a devastated fiancé, parents and a rabbi who has lost one of his shining stars, will hopefully finally say, enough. Please God, may the prayer for "enough" be heard around the world. Misguided hate has again struck a chord. It is time we sang a different song. Kayn yehi ratzon - May this be God's will and our job.

I hope to see you all at this year's Megillah reading - Let us use our voices to blot out the name of HAMAN and the names of all who hate.

Rabbi Bruce



March 12th

This month's Message.....

Greetings TBEI members,

A grateful thank you to Jeff Leiter & Ed Humphries for the musical show they entertained us with last month.

We have so many exciting things happening this month and next month. Let's all be a part of our activities and events.

This week, on Friday night, March 3rd at 6 p.m., before the service, join us for Shabbat Across America - there is still time to call the office to let us know what you would like to bring.

On March 7th at 7:30 p.m. we will be celebrating Purim with "Musings on the Megillah" with other congregations around the country via Zoom both in the Temple and/or at home on Zoom. See the information on page 7 and click on the link to be a part of this program.

We are sponsoring a Breakfast for all the TBEI men on March 16th at 9 a.m. This is a long-awaited chance for us to get together and socialize. You can call the Temple office to let us know if you will be attending so we have enough food.

Join us and be a part of our many programs here at Temple Beth El Israel.

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You're Invited!!!!

**Join Rabbi Benson
on Thursday mornings at 10 AM
for our Torah Study Class on ZOOM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84122238910>

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Dear Sisterhood ladies,

We want to thank everyone that attended our recent Card Party/Luncheon, it was a very enjoyable afternoon.

Sisterhood will be sponsoring a potluck dinner that is celebrated across the country; "Shabbat Across America" on March 3rd, please contact the Temple to let us know what you would like to contribute to this dinner.

At our meeting at 12:30 p.m. on March 7th along with NCJW (National Coalition of Jewish Women) we will welcome guest speaker Talia Carner, author of "The Third Daughter".

Back by popular demand, on March 18th at 7:30 p.m. please join us for AN EVENING WITH NEIL ZIRCONIA. Tickets are \$25.00.

Our women's seder this year will be on March 28th. Tickets are \$15.00 and we ask you to bring your favorite Passover dessert.

Tickets for all of our events are available in the Temple office, Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and you can see all the details in the flyers in this issue of The Shofar

Evelyn and Eve



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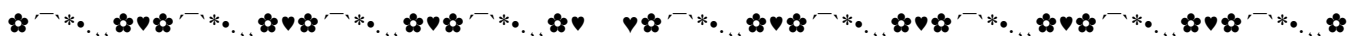
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Mark your calendars and save the dates for all of our functions and events.

Your support and help in advertising our programs is so appreciated.



BROTHERHOOD NEWS:

A very special thank you to Jeff Leiter and Ed Humphries for bringing us such an entertaining show this past month. It was truly enjoyable.

On April 14th we will be commemorating Yom HaShoah at our Friday night service. The Yellow candles will be sent out to our membership shortly and thank you in advance for your donations to this very important fundraising program we are participating in.

We are looking forward to welcoming our Holocaust Torah to TBEI on April 15th and hope that all of our Brotherhood members will be here to participate in this event.

Jeff Kreiss, President



A Special Breakfast Meeting

On Thursday, March 16th, from 9:00 until 10:30, the Temple is sponsoring a FREE breakfast for ALL the TBEI men to give us the long overdue opportunity to socialize. No speeches, no solicitation, no business meeting, not even a 50/50. We will have a short (that's a promise) program that will be of interest to all. Please mark the date and plan on joining us.

An RSVP is essential for the food purchase.

To RSVP call the Temple office Monday - Friday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 772-336-2424 to RSVP.

Life Cycle Events ~ Get Well Wishes and speedy recovery to:

Amy Conoly
Carol Seigel

Linda Greshes
Mark Stuart

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Michael Zelinsky

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

Florida has seen a dramatic rise in antisemitic incidents, according to ADL's Audit of Antisemitic Incidents. In 2021, the number of reported incidents increased 50% over 2020 numbers, rising from 127 to 190. What can we do to battle antisemitism?

On April 15th we will carry our "Orphan Torah" (MST 860) down Bethany Drive, accompanied by members of our community. We will welcome MST860 into our Temple, we will bless its presence and we will hear speeches about the significance of this survivor from the Holocaust. Then what?

Consider the following quotes:

"I swore never to be silent whenever and wherever human beings endure suffering and humiliation. We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented."

(Elie Wiesel 1986 Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech)

"In the end we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

(Rev Martin Luther King)

"I am not concerned about your liking or disliking me....All I ask is that you respect me as a human being."

((Jackie Robinson)

A Holocaust survivor, a civil rights activist, and a baseball player all delivering the same message: treat everyone the way you would want to be treated yourself. Speak up when you are aware of the singling out of an individual or a group of individuals because they are "different". Take action, political or civil, when the rights of others are being trampled by those in power.

One final quote:

"First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out - because I was not a socialist. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out - because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out - because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me - and there was no one left to speak for me."

(Pastor Martin Niemoller)

In the musical South Pacific the song "You've Got to be Carefully Taught" gets to the root of what we must do:

WE MUST TEACH THE LESSON OF RESPECT FOR ONE AND ALL. WE MUST GET THE MESSAGE INTO OUR SCHOOLS TO COUNTER THE NEGATIVE MESSAGES THAT THE STUDENTS ARE EXPOSED TO DAILY. IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO TEACH THE HORROR OF THE HOLOCAUST, WE MUST TEACH THE FACTORS THAT MADE THE HOLOCAUST POSSIBLE.

***Welcome to your new home TBEI Holocaust Survivor Torah.
Be an inspiration to all of us.***

Thank you to Harvey Safeer for bringing all this very important information to our attention.

SO YOU THINK IT CAN'T HAPPEN HERE

Since October 2022, ADL has documented at least 30 antisemitic incidents that directly reference Ye - the influential artist, producer, and fashion designer formerly known as Kanye West, whose 2022 outbursts made headlines. These incidents, which include vandalism, banner drops, targeted harassment, and campus propaganda distributions, demonstrate the ongoing influence of Ye's conspiratorial, bigoted rants.

Immediately following Ye's antisemitic comments, which included inflammatory tropes about Jewish power and Holocaust denial, the slogan "Ye is Right" surfaced online in hashtags and antisemitic accounts. The ADL Center on Extremism has also tracked references to "Ye is Right" in instances of on-the-ground antisemitic vandalism and harassment nationwide.

These incidents - only some of which are perpetrated by known extremists - demonstrate how references to Ye, often paired with swastikas or other antisemitic slurs, have become mainstream shorthand for the hatred of - or a desire to commit violence against - Jewish people.

These incidents, under the umbrella of "Ye is right, change my mind" have occurred closer to home than many of us realize. The first "Ye is right, change my mind" event was held at Florida Atlantic University on January 18th, 2023, to endorse Ye's 2024 presidential campaign on the basis of his antisemitic remarks. On January 26th, 2023, the same individuals hosted a "Ye is right, change my mind" event at Florida State University and later held similar events at the University of Alabama, the University of Florida, the University of Central Florida and Florida International University.

The impact of Ye's words continues to be felt across the country, including through vandalism and harassment incidents at K-12 schools, colleges and universities, Jewish institutions, public areas and commercial locations. A sampling of incidents from Florida is listed below:

Jacksonville, Florida - October 28, 2022:

People found graffiti reading: "Kanye was right about the Jewish (sic)" near a river.

Miami, Florida - November 30, 2022:

Someone wrote "Kenye was right" on the outside wall of a business establishment.

West Palm Beach, Florida - December 17, 2022:

A student drew a swastika and "I love Kanye" in chalk at a high school.

Jacksonville, Florida - January 12, 2023:

An individual sent an email calling a Jewish business owner an antisemitic slur and referenced Ye's comments.

Sanford, Florida - January 31, 2023:

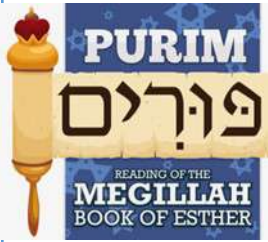
A Jewish student experienced antisemitic harassment at school, which included references to Ye.

October 2022:

In multiple incidents, the Goyim Defense League (GDL), along with the White Lives Matter Network and NatSoc Florida dropped antisemitic banners supporting Ye in California, New York and Florida. They also used a laser projector to cast antisemitic messages onto buildings at TIAA Bank Field at the end of the Georgia/Florida football game in Jacksonville, with one reading, "Kanye is right about the Jews."

You can read the full article at: <https://www.adl.org/resources/blog/ye-right-antisemitic-campaign-continues>
The ADL website.

Join us April 15 to continue the march.
See you then.... Harvey S.



On Tuesday, March 7th at 7:30 p.m. join us for “Musings on the Megillah”. Rabbis from many congregations across the country will gather on Zoom for “Musings on the Megillah”. They will come together to hear and wrestle with the challenges and blessings of the Book of Esther. It’s a very adult story with many elements to consider and a text from which there is much to learn. You will experience the chanting of excerpts of the Megillah in Hebrew and English with short teachings to bring out the facets of this amazing story.

In addition to being able to participate on Zoom we will also be gathering in the Temple to watch together at a “watch party” complete with Hamantaschen.

The following Rabbis will be participating:

Rabbi Gidon Isaacs Temples Anshe Sholom and Beth-El, Munster, Indiana

<http://www.templeanshesholom.org/> and <https://www.templebethel-munster.org/>.

Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell, Temple Concord, Binghamton, NY www.TempleConcord.com

Rabbi Michael Birnholz Temple Beth Shalom, Vero Beach tbsvero.org

Rabbi Emily Losben-Ostrov, Temple of Israel, Wilmington, NC www.temple-of-israel.org

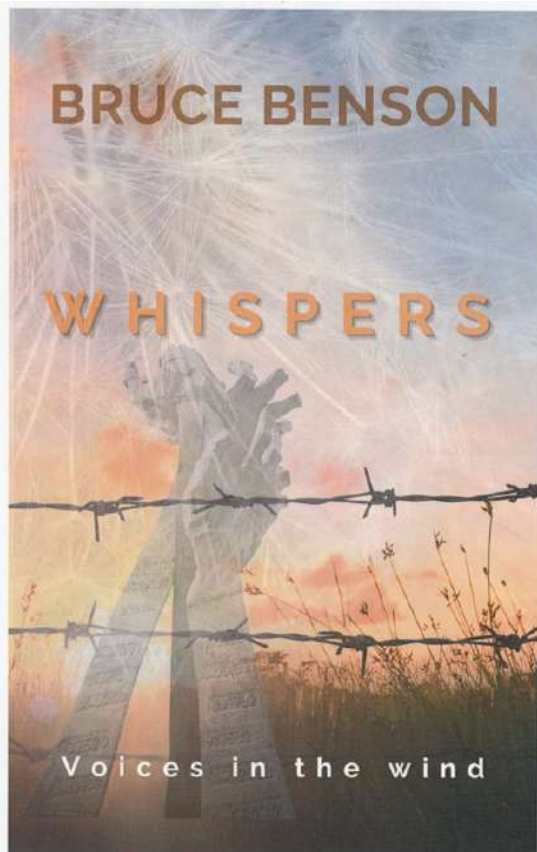
Rabbi Estelle Mills Congregation Beth Jacob, Plymouth, MA <https://www.cbiplymouth.org/>

Rabbi Bruce Benson Temple Beth El Israel, Port St Lucie, FL templebethelisrael.org

Rabbi Elizabeth Bahar Temple Beth Israel, Macon, GA <https://www.tbimacon.org/>

Rabbi Erin Buxt Temple Beth Shalom, Ocala, FL <https://jewishocala.com/>

Click here <https://urj.tfaforms.net/901?id=7014u000001RUbg> to register for the program through the Union for Reform Judaism, a proud sponsor of this program, to watch from home on Zoom.



Born in 1950's America, for me and my generation, the Holocaust has been a continual drumbeat in the lives of Jews around the world. The distance allowed the raw truth to evade many of us. I felt a compelling need to see, hear, taste, feel and walk where it all took place. Over a 12-day trip, all that and more was experienced. The search for the voices of the six million murdered was afoot. This is the story of the search for Voices in the Wind.

Rabbi Benson's long-awaited book will finally be published in April.

The book is a memoir of the trip that we took to Europe several years ago and the observations and feelings that the trip left us with after seeing the sites we witnessed first-hand.

March Birthdays

2 Barbara Roman
 5 Cheryl Zelinsky
 7 Mark Beshears
 7 Arno Cassel
 8 Dr Jordan Bromberg
 8 Dr Raymond Isenburg
 10 Leonard C. Berkman
 10 Bernie Chazin
 12 Nadine Wenzel
 13 Dr. Donald Rudolf
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March Anniversaries



7 Amy & Wilgens Nader
 24 Linda & Joseph Greenwald
 25 Miriam & Arno Cassel
 29 Carol & Martin Kahn
 31 Susan & Cary Kosten

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If you don't see your birthday or anniversary listed in the Shofar, contact the Temple office and ask to have your special day included on our list.



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REMINDER

**MASKS ARE OPTIONAL
 IN THE TEMPLE
 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**



***Join us on March 3rd at 6 p.m. for a Pot Luck Dinner
 to celebrate Shabbat Across America***

***Please contact the Temple office to let us know what you would
 like to contribute***

Call 772-336-2424

THE STAMP CORNER ~ ~

STAMP OF THE MONTH: CHAG PURIM SAMEACH!

by Ellis Bromberg

This year, Purim begins on the evening of March 6 and ends at sundown on March 7 (Adar 13-14). We mark it with a dark red, yellow, and green stamp from Denmark, issued in 1973, that depicts a pivotal event in the story of the holiday, as recounted in the Book of Esther.

Purim is a joyous holiday that celebrates the saving of the Jews of Persia from threatened annihilation during the 5th century B.C.E. It is traditionally marked with the public reading of the Megillah, the scroll that contains the Book of Esther, one of five scrolls (along with the Song of Songs, the Book of Ruth, the Book of Lamentations, and Ecclesiasties) found in Ketuvim, the third section of the Bible. In addition, on Purim, Jews exchange gifts of food and drink, donate to charity, eat a celebratory meal, and reenact the story of the holiday in a usually comic play called a Purim spiel.

The stamp depicts a "banquet of wine" to which Esther, the Queen of Persia (second from right on the stamp), has invited her husband King Ahasuerus (third from right) and Haman, the king's chief administrator (far right on stamp). Esther has been encouraged to host this meeting, as well as a lavish banquet the following day, by her cousin Mordecai, who has learned of Haman's plan to murder all the Jews in the kingdom. Haman has been angered by Mordecai's unwillingness to kneel or bow down before him, and has convinced Ahasuerus to approve a monstrous plan: that the king draw up an edict directing that all the Jews throughout his kingdom be destroyed on the 13th day of Adar. Throughout the land "there was great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes." (Esther 4:3)

As a pious Jew, Mordecai also "rent his clothes, and put on a sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and cried with a loud and bitter cry; and he came even before the king's gate" (Esther 4:1-2). On the stamp, Mordecai is shown (on the left) seated at the king's gate.

Following the wine banquet, an emboldened Haman built a gallows with the intention of hanging Mordecai there the next day.

Esther has hidden from the king the fact that she is Jewish, but Mordecai has urged her to reveal it now to the king to save her people. At the second banquet, she does so, boldly expressing solidarity with her fellow Jews. Ahasuerus is enraged when he hears the details of Haman's plot, and offers to grant Esther any request she might wish to make. She pleads that her people be spared; the king agrees, and directs that the Jews may arm and defend themselves -- so what was to be a day of tragedy becomes one of triumph! And in another ironic twist, Ahasuerus orders that Haman be hanged on the very gallows Haman had originally set up for Mordecai (far left on stamp).

Ahasuerus designates Mordecai to replace Haman as the king's chief advisor, and Mordecai institutes an annual commemoration of the delivery of the Jews in Persia from destruction -- a day we continue to celebrate as Purim.

The Purim story differs from others of triumph over evil in which the Jews look to God for salvation. Interestingly, God is not mentioned in the Book of Esther. Instead, in the words of Jewish Studies scholar Christine Hayes, "The lesson to be learned...is this: resistance, not martyrdom; action and self-help, not passive hope in divine intervention."

The scene on the stamp is an image of a fresco from Tirsted Church in Jutland, Denmark, that dates to around 1400; the church houses several dozen Gothic paintings of Biblical scenes like this one. (The Book of Esther is included in the Christian Old Testament.)



Our Judaica Shop
We have many new and beautiful items on sale.
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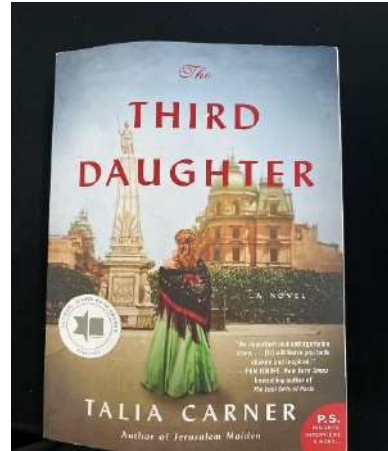
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Temple Beth El Israel Sisterhood & NCJW Palm Beach

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Presents



Talia Carner, Author and Outstanding Speaker

Tuesday, March 7th at 12:30 p.m.

**Join us for a conversation at Temple Beth El Israel (TBEI) in Port St. Lucie
with Talia Carner,**

Author of “The Third Daughter” and other memorable books.

Talia Carner is formerly the publisher of Savvy Woman magazine, a marketing consultant, and a lecturer at international women's economic forums. An award-winning author of five novels and numerous stories, essays, and articles. She is also a committed supporter of global human rights.

“In *The Third Daughter*, Talia Carner ably illuminates a little known piece of history: the sex trafficking of young women from Russia to South America in the late 19th century. Thoroughly researched and vividly rendered, this is an important and unforgettable story of exploitation and empowerment that will leave you both shaken and inspired.” — Pam Jenoff, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Lost Girls of Paris*.

- No charge for NCJW and TBEI members. The public is invited for \$10 per person
- Registration for this event can be done by calling the Temple office (772) 336-2424.
- Temple Beth El Israel is located at 551 SW Bethany Drive, Port St. Lucie 34986.

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PLEASE.....

Notify the Temple office or call the Rabbi if a family member or fellow congregant is ill, has had an accident, or is in need of the Rabbi's services.

The Rabbi can only help if he is informed.

TAX TIP

The Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act of 2019 (SECURE Act) became law on December 20, 2019. The Secure Act made major changes to the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) rules. If you reached the age of 70½ in 2019 the prior rule applies, and you must take your first RMD by April 1, 2020. If you reach age 70 ½ in 2020 or later you must take your first RMD by April 1 of the year after you reach 72.

The amount of your RMD is a taxable distribution. You can reduce your tax liability and assist TBEI by making a Qualified charitable distribution (QCD).

A QCD is generally a nontaxable distribution made directly by the trustee of your IRA (other than a SEP or SIMPLE IRA) to an organization eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions. You must be at least age 70½ when the distribution was made. Also, you must have the same type of acknowledgment of your contribution that you would need to claim a deduction for a charitable contribution.

As an example: if you are in the 22 percent tax bracket a distribution of \$1,000 would increase your tax liability by \$220. If you made a QCD to TBEI there would be a \$220 saving to you and TBEI would get the full \$1,000.

For more information see IRS Publication 590-B (2021), Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)

This past month:



*We had a wonderful show starring
Jeff Leiter & Ed Humphries.*



We celebrated Howard Brofman's 95th Birthday with his family.

Easy Hamantaschen Recipe

Ingredients

- 3 large eggs
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup vegetable oil
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup orange juice
- 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons vanilla extract
- 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 cup fruit preserves, any flavor



Directions

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Lightly grease cookie sheets.

Combine eggs and sugar in a large bowl; beat with an electric mixer until smooth and creamy.

Stir in oil, orange juice, and vanilla. Combine flour and baking powder; stir into batter to form a stiff dough, adding more flour if needed.

Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface and roll out into a 1/2-inch thickness. Cut into circles using a cookie cutter or the rim of a drinking glass; place 2 inches apart onto the prepared cookie sheets. Spoon about 1 to 2 teaspoons of preserves into center of each cookie. Pinch edges to form three corners.

Bake in the preheated oven until lightly browned, 12 to 15 minutes.

Cool on the cookie sheets for 1 minute; transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.

SAVE THE DATES!!!

March 3rd - Shabbat Across America

March 7th - Sisterhood/NCJW Guest Speaker Talia Carner

March 18th - Sisterhood's Show starring Neil Zirconia

March 28th - Women's Seder

April 5th - Temple Passover Seder

April 15th - Welcoming our Holocaust Torah

Tickets are available for all our events in the Temple office.



Watch the mail for your
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that will be mailed next month and
be a part of the Brotherhood Yom
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service on April 14th.



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On April 15, 2023, a piece of history will be coming to TBEI. We will welcome a Czech Holocaust Torah to our Temple designated MST860. This is one of 1,564 scrolls that the Nazis took from the synagogues in Bohemia and Moravia in 1942. The Torah scroll is the most important document in Judaism and has been the “spiritual glue” that has held the Jewish people together through the centuries. The TBEI Holocaust Torah is on loan from the Memorial Scrolls Trust in London.

They have cared for them since 1964 and loan these scrolls throughout the world. We know that the scrolls are rare not just because many in the collection are hundreds of years old, but because they were rescued from the terror and destruction of the Holocaust. While many of the scrolls have a known provenance, no such data exist for MST860. Truly, MST860 is an “orphan.” It will become a member of our TBEI family.

The fostering of the TBEI Holocaust Torah has been made possible by the efforts of Rabbi Benson and the generous donation of \$5,000 from several Temple members. The Torah comes to us without the usual ritual accoutrements accompanying it, so we will be purchasing a Torah Mantle, Wimple and Yad since the Torah will be used periodically for services.

The Torah will be housed in a separate display case in the lobby so it can be shared with all who enter the Temple. This display case will be constructed of materials that will assure its security and preservation.

A special ***Holocaust Torah MST Fund*** at TBEI is ready to accept donations in order to give MST860 a welcome presence. Check the TBEI website, Shofar, and Connections for future updates concerning MST860 related activities. If you know someone outside the TBEI family who would be interested, please let us know by calling the office and leaving a message.

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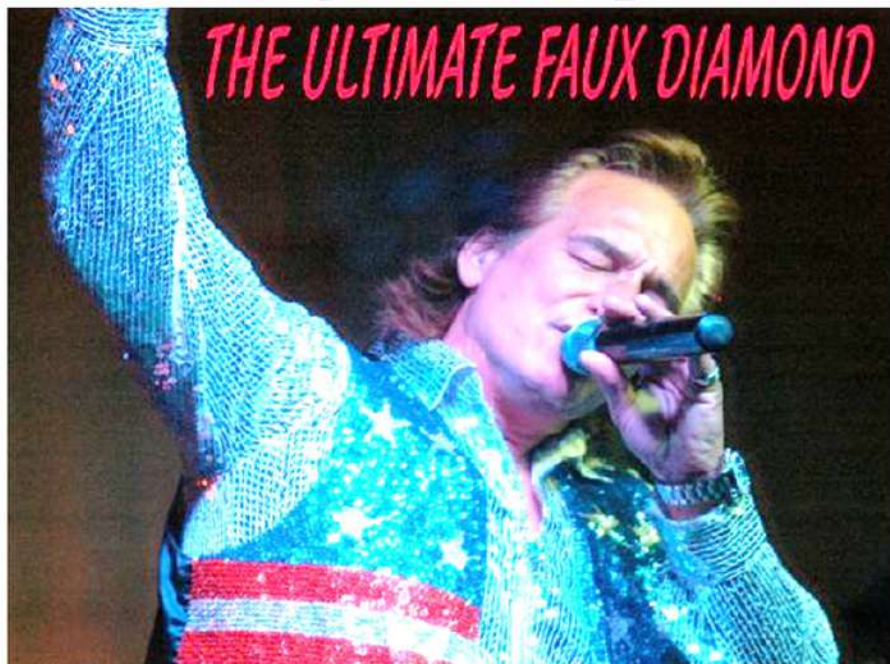
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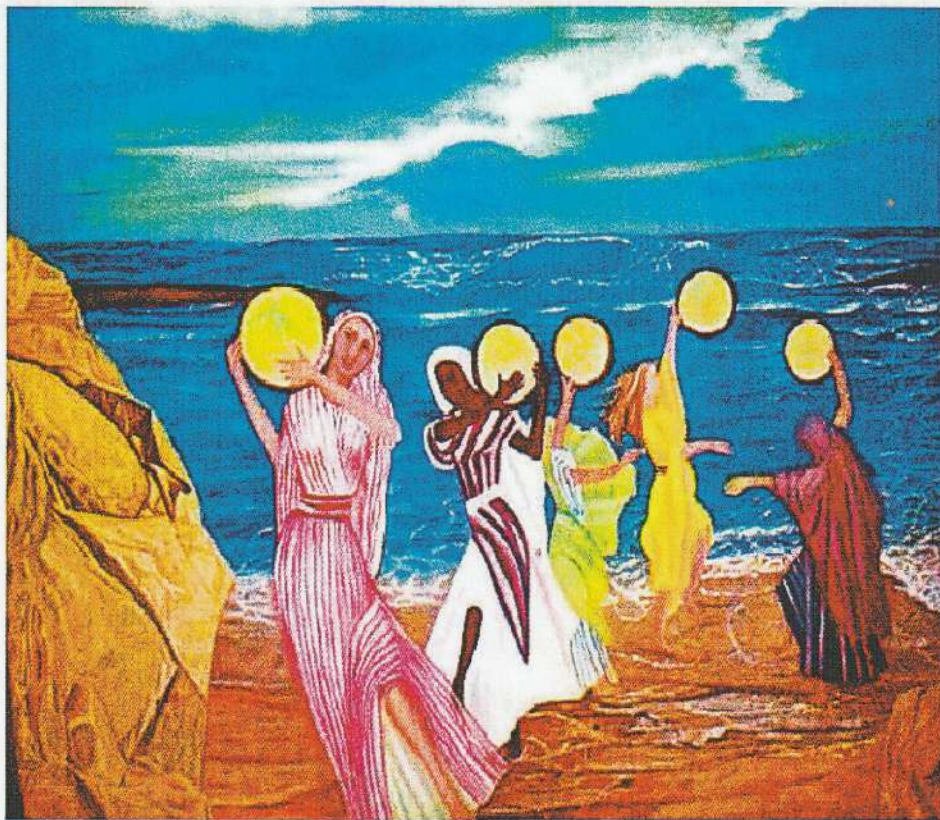
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Dr. Frankel's introduction to this book is helpful. She discusses things such as: what is the Bible, who wrote the Bible, what's in the Bible, and a note about Art and Translation, because after all, as she writes: "No other work of literature has inspired more artistic expression than the Bible."

There are eight major sections or chapters: The Beginning of the World, The First Jewish Family, Slaves in the Land of Egypt, Forty Years in the Wilderness, In the Promised Land, The Founding of the Kingdom of Israel, The Divided Kingdom, and In Diaspora. Each chapter has a number of Biblical Stories and starts off with a beautiful work of art. Many of the stories have more than one illustration. There are seventy-five stories included in the book. Some of them are ones we are familiar with such as: The Creation of Adam and Eve, The Great Flood, The Tower of Babel, The Binding of Isaac, Jacob's Dream of the Ladder, The Burning Bush, The Giving of the Ten Commandments, The Golden Calf, Joshua and the Battle of Jericho, Ruth and Naomi, David and Goliath, David and Bathsheba, The Fall of Jerusalem and the Destruction of the First Temple, Jonah and the Whale, Esther Saves Her People, and Daniel in the Lion's Den, plus many more. There are many stories with which many of us may not be familiar. Some examples are: The Rape of Dinah, Judah and Tamar, The Twelve Spies, Yotam's Parable, Jephthah's Daughter, Saul Consults With the Witch of Endor, Elijah and the Priests of Baal, Elisha and the Miracle Worker, and many more. All of the stories are enjoyable to read and are usually only 1-2 pages in length and, of course, have the beautiful artwork to go along with them. The Introduction states: The art illustrating this volume honors the Hebrew Bible on its own terms. Each work of art should be considered as commentary intended to enrich and deepen our understanding of the biblical text. "The stories in this book "have been retold in a style and language meant to make them as accessible as possible to contemporary readers." This book is inspired by the newest translation published by the Jewish Publication Society. The narratives have been simplified for ease of reading and understanding. Much of the material has been left out. You will not find the "laws, rituals, genealogies, prophecies, and other non-narrative portions that comprise much of the Bible." Instead of this, we are told this book presents "the essential stories of our collective spiritual biography. " Everett Fox had stated that this is a "treasure of a book - a book to be treasured."

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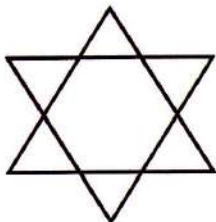
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